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Board of County Commissioners members are, from left, Vice President Mike Hart, Thomas "Tim" Hutchins, President Kelly D. McConkey, Steven R. Weems and Earl "Buddy" Hance.



Mark Willis Takes the Helm

as County Administrator

The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Willis as the county administrator. Willis, who was most recently the planning and zoning director in the Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning, has worked for the county government for nearly 20 years. He succeeds Terry Shannon who retired Friday, Jan. 3, 2020, after 32 years of dedicated public service.

Prior to leading the Department of Planning & Zoning, Willis was an employee of the Calvert County Department of Public Works for 15 years leading the county's enterprise fund operations, establishing and supervising the fleet and highway maintenance divisions and managing water, sewer and solid waste.

Willis, who grew up in Calvert County, served in the armed forces for 20 years, first as an enlisted marine in combat ground and then a marine officer in charge of combat logistics for 10 years each. His military experience coupled with his experience working in Calvert County Government makes him well suited for the job. The BOCC is confident he will lead our employees to achieve great success in the years to come.

New Directors Appointed for Human Resources and Planning & Zoning

The BOCC is pleased to announce the appointment of Melanie Woodson as the county government director of human resources. Woodson, who was most recently the human resources deputy director in the Calvert County Department of Human Resources, has worked for the county government for more than 13 years. She replaces Paula Gray who retires today, after 40 years of dedicated public service.



The BOCC is pleased to announce the appointment of Mary Beth Cook as the county government director of Planning & Zoning. Cook, who was most recently the deputy director/zoning officer in the Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning, has worked for county government for more than 26 years. She replaces Mark Willis who was recently promoted to county administrator.

Calvert Counts!

Calvert County is planning for the 2020 Census in order to ensure every resident is counted once, only once and in the right place on Census Day, April 1, 2020. The census is conducted every 10 years and provides vital resources for our community. Census responses determine congressional representation in each state and inform how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed to states and local communities every year for critical public services and infrastructure, including health clinics, schools, roads and emergency services. Census data is:

- Private
- Protected by law
- Not shared with law enforcement



The 2020 Census is easy and the questions are simple. Visit online to see a [sample list](#)

Be Aware and Prepare for Emergencies



The mission of the Calvert County Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, is to minimize the effects of future disasters through mitigation, planning, training and response efforts. To that end, the division encourages citizens to prepare for emergency situations using these [emergency preparedness tools](#):

- **Calvert County Alert:** Emergency notification system allows officials to contact Calvert County residents in the event of an emergency situation. [Register to receive messages](#).
- **Prepare Me Calvert:** An interactive app designed to allow Calvert County residents, businesses and visitors access to emergency information, alerts and preparedness guidance on the go. Download the app through the Apple App Store or the Google Play market.
- **Smart911:** A free online service that enables individuals and families to automatically provide vital information to 911 call takers during an emergency. Sign up for free at smart911.com.
- **Special Needs Registry:** A voluntary registry of individuals who may require evacuation assistance in the event of an emergency. Anyone who has unique needs that hinder or prevent them from taking protective actions on their own are encouraged to [complete the registry form](#).

The BOCC and the Department of Public Safety take your safety seriously and urge residents to stay in touch. Preparing now will increase your ability to keep yourself and your family safe when a threat is imminent.



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Sincerely,
Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

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